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Applicants: Masahiro KAGEYAMA et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 16, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire July 16, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.